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Atty Docket No.: MN-9121A

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

For the above-referenced application, enclosed please find:

- 1) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533);
- 2) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and Submission of Missing Parts (3 ccs, 2 pgs);
- 3) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of Richard O'Brien; and;

4) A Return Post Card.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration: Richard O'Brien
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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As requested by Item 1 of the Notice to File Missing Parts, enclosed please find a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by inventor Richard O'Brien.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for a total of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars and no/100 (\$130.00) for the payment of the surcharge fee (\$130) as requested in Items 2 & 3. Three copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes.

If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge the Deposit Account shown above.

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